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SORT OF TRIAL COURTSHIP THAT MAY PROVE VALUABLE

The Best Way to Test a Man's Love Before Marriage Is to Let Him See How You Are Likely to Be Afterward.

By DOROTHY DIX.

The newspapers contain an interesting account of a young couple who have entered upon a trial courtship with a view to getting a line on each other's qualifications for making a desirable husband or wife, and to ascertaining before marriage how they are likely to suit one another instead of waiting to find out when it is too late, as most folks do.

According to the story, the young man has gone to spend three days in the home of the girl's mother with the full understanding that he is to pose the question at the end of that time if he is satisfied with his observations of the young lady, and that she is to accept him if she is still pleased with him. Otherwise no wedding bells for them.

He is to watch her method of keeping house, sample her cooking, and study her ways. She is to observe if he is handy about the house, if he is a good provider, and to take note of little manners and peculiarities that will tip her off as to his desirability as a life partner.

Good in Theory.

The theory of the trial courtship is good, but it will fail of real results because the execution will be faulty. Consequently, or unconsciously, both parties to it will be hypocrites, as every man is when he goes a courting and every girl is when she is trying to capture a man. Nature makes them put the best foot foremost and to exhibit to each other the most charming side of their characters, just as it makes the male bird strut and plume itself before its mate in spring. It's dollars to doughnuts that the girl in this case, aware that her sweetheart's appraising eyes are upon her, will come down to breakfast in a morning in the neatest and trimmest skirt waist that she has, and with her hair mussled to the roots; that she will work her fingers to the bone cooking up everything on the place, and give a life-like imitation of a household angel that would capture any man's fancy.

It is also a cinch that the man on trial will swear that he adores her; that he will declare that he isn't particular about his food, and wouldn't want his wife to bother much about the cooking, and that he will exhibit the patience of Job and the amiability of a saint when these anti-nuptial exhibitions of angelic dispositions, however, are not fair samples of the real thing, and if any young couple is really in earnest about trying to find out beforehand what they are likely to get in matrimony, instead of following the general custom of taking the grand risk with eyes shut, they would make a trial engagement of some actual value.

If, for instance, a girl wants to test the quality of a man's affection, let her let her appear at breakfast with her hair slicked back into a knot, the hair of a walnut, and with a loose, comfortable working dress on. That's the way she looks at home when there's no company and the way she will look when she's married and has to wrestle with teething babies, and cooking stoves that won't cook. Any man that will pop the question when a woman is looking her worst has got the kind of love that's all wool and a yard wide, and that won't shrink in the wash of everyday life.

A Sure Test.

Again if she wants to find out what sort of a disposition he has got, let her set him down to a meal of heavy bread, and watery potatoes, and overdone meat, and let her observe whether his amiability under such circumstances has a natural, spontaneous ring or is forced. That's the way to judge whether he's all heart, or merely stomach.

If she wants to test his patience let her keep him waiting or three-quarters of an hour every time they go anywhere together. If he can calmly compose himself to reading the paper while she pins up her hair in forty-seven different ways, instead of charging up and down the parlor floor like a caged hyena, she will know for sure that he is a philosopher, and an optimist who will always be Little Sunshine in the home.

If a man wants to find out how much a girl really thinks of him, let him appear before her with a three days' beard on his face. Any woman who can see a romantic hero in an unshaven man has got the life-enduring brand of affection that nothing will kill.

NEW FROCKS QUAIN IN LINE



MODERN BATHROOM AND ITS NEEDS

Borderless Papering Gives the Prettiest Effect.

The favorite treatment for papering a bathroom is to carry the walls up to the ceiling without a border. As it is sometimes hard to match the tiled squares at the angle, make sure the paperhanger understands, or you may find your room ruined with a border you didn't want, as it is frequently put on as a matter of course.

Glazed paper that will wipe off with a damp rag is the best choice for a bathroom; painter's walls are usually good, but both are rather costly. If a cheaper effect must be had, get a very inexpensive paper of suitable design, an all-unglazed paper spots, and the cheaper ones mean quick retouching. Plain tones or small squares are the best selection.

A tiled floor is the first choice, next a hard-wood floor, or even a good pine floor, rubbed up with oil and a coat of shellac. Never have a carpet in a bathroom. A good grade of linoleum is often used, but the bare floor, with washable rug to the door, is the best. The rug is much more easily kept in condition.

Though it costs more, have nothing but a porcelain tub. Be careful in buying this not to get one so deep that it is difficult to get into or so high every bath swells your water meter. There is a revival of apogees, those that come through a single faucet. The opening is on the end of the bath tub, once so popular, may save splashing, but is a nuisance in the way of rinsing water.

The favorite stationary washstand is entirely of porcelain or marble in pedestal form. It does away with remodeling of pipes and is more easily kept sanitary. In one private bathroom recently built there are two of these pedestal washstands side by side, so the husband and wife may keep their toilet belongings quite separate. If each cannot have a separate bathroom, this is a convenient arrangement.

A shower is a luxury, but one should be provided if expense does not count. Sometimes these are arranged over the tub, with rubber curtains attached, but more often are in a separate compartment in the room.

The luxurious bathroom has numerous other equipments in the way of foot baths, sitz baths, and a stand for shampooing the hair, with a head rest attachment so one can lean back in comfort and an electric dryer that can be fastened to any burner.

HOW GIRL EARNED HER PIN MONEY

Freshened Frills and Jabots for Her Friends.

A girl who found her allowance "not to nothing" determined to earn some money last summer. She had no special talents and could not leave home.

The prospect looked dark until a friend happened to say: "You have the freshest looking frills and jabots, you must never wear one after it is laundered; mine always look sights from the laundress' repainting."

"I launder my own," was the reply. "What's more, I replace them each time. It takes time, but it pays."

"I wish some one would do mine," said the first girl. "I would gladly pay for it."

The upshot was that the girl who needed money and the girl who hated work struck a bargain by which all her frills, jabots, and plaitings on collars were carefully renovated for a small sum.

The experiment worked so well that the girl who needed money, who seems to have the business sense that makes each frill so profitable, if she cannot create it, got out neat price cards, wrote letters to her friends, telling them she would be willing to do up fine frills at moderate prices and enclosed in each letter the printed card.

If just plaiting was to be done the frills were plaited from their bands, washed and ironed at home, then repainted for the small sum of a cent a yard for frilling under five inches wide; 4 cents for seven inches; 5 cents for ten inches, the price increasing with the depth.

Made Specialty of Promptness.

A specialty was made of promptness and hurry orders were sometimes possible, while the customer waited. The plaiting was done with a machine—that the girl's mother owned—and was absolutely regular. The band was sent with each frill so no plaiting would be made the exact length. To further it being put back easily the edge of the plaiting was held by a narrow strip of adhesive tape.

If ripping must be done 1 cent was added to the price of each yard, and if the renovated plaiting was sewed again into its bands 5 cents a frill was charged. If the orders were laundried the girl charged a few cents more than the price for such articles at a near-by hand laundry, and if plaiting was done as well the plaiting charges were added.

The work was so well done that it soon attracted attention, and the girl had enough orders to give her a nice little sum for pocket money. In the fall she sent her cards to a near-by boarding school and her business with the girls charged so flourishing that she has taken a younger sister into partnership.

In attempting such work the motto must be perfection. Half-done plaiting or had laundering will not bring return orders, much less new ones. By system and businesslike methods a girl could arrange to do her work in the early morning hours, thus gaining increased allowance with little discomfort.

Toys that Roll Their Eyes.

The funniest dolls seen in a long time are those that roll their eyes like a pickaninny in sight of a watermelon. The eyes move not only up and down like those of the familiar sleeping dolls, but there is also the side-to-side motion that is particularly funny and by which the doll must be made to take on all sorts of expressions. There are also dogs and cats with these movable eyes and these toys, amusing to old as well as young, are not at all expensive. It would be a very fractious child who would not be won into good humor at the end of a long day's tiresome journey, by the production of one of these comical toys from the traveling bag.

Butter Frosting.

Half pound of powdered sugar, better size of an egg. Put sugar and butter together, then beat the white of an egg stiff and add to the sugar and butter; beat thoroughly. Flavor with vanilla. This will frost two cakes. Please try and report.

NEAT MIDDY BLOUSE



For warm weather wear, as well as for present use, there is no garment that fulfills its purpose better than the middy blouse, an excellent model of which is here given. This blouse is for misses and girls. It is to be slipped on over the head and can be made with or without the yoke facings and with long sleeves in either of two styles, as illustrated, or with short sleeves. Gafates, linen, chambray, pique or duck may be used. The collar, belt, and cuff trim is of contrasting goods.

The pattern, No. 5781, is cut in sizes twelve to eighteen years. Sixteen-year size requires 3 1/2 yards of 36-inch material and 5/8 of a yard of 21-inch contrasting fabric.

The pattern can be obtained by sending 10 cents to the office of The Washington Herald.

Collars Made of Flouncing.
Very attractive collars for wear with linen and lingerie frocks may be made of wide embroidery flouncing, the embroidery being inserted into a sharp point at the back so that the collar reaches to the waist line where it should be pinned fast, to give trim, neat lines. At the front, the collar may be pointed, or cut in square ends and at the V shaped neck opening should be placed the fast bow of dark velvet or ribbon now so fashionable.

Baked Eggplant.
Peel and slice an eggplant and let it stand in strong salted water for thirty minutes. Arrange the slices in a baking dish, alternating with layers of thin sliced tomato and generous sprinkling of grated cheese. Season with salt and pepper, dot with bits of butter and bake until tender. Garnish with lemon and parsley.

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Onion Hoe; double or two-prong style; best steel, with long hardwood handles; handles strongly riveted.....25c	Weeding Hooks (hand style), nicely japanned, with hardwood handles; nice size.....50c

WHITE TAFFETA FROCKS FOR AFTERNOON TEAS

Little frocks of taffeta are just now the craze, and every debutante has her afternoon tea frock of white taffeta made in simple girlish style. Such a frock is, of course, worn under a fur coat or other wrap in a conveyance, the wrap being left in a dressing room, and the taffeta for afternoon rather than evening wear. These pretty white taffeta costumes with its graceful lines is heightened by a touch of silver lace and the black and white picture hat has a silver lace frill under the brim. With these white frocks are worn dainty buttoned boots of white satin.

Skimmed milk and water, with a bit of glue in it, made soaking hot, is excellent to restore old, rusty black crepe; if well squeezed and pulled dry, like muslin, it will look as well or better than new.

FOUR GOOD RECIPES FOR THE HOUSEKEEPER

Curry of Chicken.

Cut the chicken into pieces, leaving but the body bones, season them with pepper and salt, fry them in a saucepan in butter. Cut an onion into small pieces or slices, which fry in butter until quite red. Now add a teaspoon of stock, freed from fat, an even teaspoon of sugar, and a teaspoon of curry powder mixed with a little flour. Rub the curry powder and flour smooth with a little stock before adding it to the saucepan; rub the chicken pieces in, let them boil two or three minutes, add then the juice of half a lemon. Serve this in the center of a bed of boiled rice.

Mock Oyster Fritters.

One-half pint of soda, one-half teaspoonful of soda, one teaspoonful cream tartar, sifted together, a little salt and pepper and milk to make a batter as for griddle cakes. Cut tripe in strips about an inch wide and two inches long, dip each piece in the batter and fry in hot fat a nice brown. Serve on toast with melted butter.

Bean Salad.

String young beans, cut into inch lengths, and boil in salt and water until tender, drain well, and to a quart of beans add a chopped onion; take three tablespoonsful of vinegar, two of salt, oil, or melted butter, salt and pepper to taste. Beat the vinegar and oil together, add the seasoning, and pour over the beans and onions; mix well, and set away for an hour or two before using.

Asparagus Salad.

Drain the asparagus after taking it from the can, or if fresh, boil until tender in salted water, and dress like string bean salad.

Reversible Hats for Easter.

The very newest idea in the millinery line is the hat which may be worn inside out, or outside in, as its owner desires. All the spring hats of straw braid are exceedingly light and pliable, but this reversible hat is so pliable that it may be turned inside out, folded or twisted in any way one pleases, as readily as a soft felt. Of course there are two hats, one within the other, and both are made of the finest silk straw; and when the hat is rolled back off the face, the contrasting lining is seen. Some of these hats are made of black straw, with white straw lining and the brim is caught back with a double cabochon, placed inside and outside the brim-edge; so that one may have a black hat with a white brim and a black and white ribbon cabochon; or a white hat, faced under the brim with black and trimmed with a cabochon of black and white.

Homemade Cream Puffs.

One cupful of hot water, one-half cupful of butter, one cupful of flour. Put the water and butter into a small pan and let it boil, then stir in one cupful of flour. Take from the fire, and when nearly cold stir in three eggs, one at a time, without beating. Drop tablespoonfuls of dough into a large dripping-pan. Have the pan hot, but do not grease it. The quantity will make one dozen puffs.

Cream Filling.

Scald one pint of milk in a double boiler. Add three tablespoonfuls of cornstarch dissolved in a little cold milk, then stir in four tablespoonfuls of sugar, and two eggs. Flavor with vanilla. Cut the puffs open and fill with the cream.

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